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The following Soviet vessels were observed in the Kronshtadt and Leningrad area

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West of Kronshtadt

Medium vessel 80 to 100 meters long with one single stack, one mast, and single guns fore and aft.¹

West of Kronshtadt

Slim, fast-moving vessel armed with light guns, with a single gun on the foredeck.

Off Kronshtadt

Cruiser with two turrets fore and aft. At anchor.

Off Kronshtadt

Former German cruiser without a number. At anchor.²

Off Kronshtadt

OKTYABRSKAYA
REVOLYUTSIYA

Battleship. At anchor.

Off Kronshtadt

Auxiliary vessel with large midships structure, one stack, and no guns apparent. At anchor.

Kronshtadt
Naval Base

Cruiser of slightly different type

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Kronshtadt Naval Base.		----	Cruiser.
Kronshtadt Naval Base	---	----	Two submarines with long streamlined towers.
Kronshtadt Naval Base	---	----	Three submarines of a dif- ferent type from the two already listed. The bridge aft was open and had a railing.
Kronshtadt Naval Base	---	MARAT	Half of battleship.
Kronshtadt Naval Base	---	----	Several vessels thought to be destroyers and some smaller ships.
Zhdanov Shipyard	---	----	Nine vessels, all of the same class, rather narrow across the beam, with radar antennas on the masts. 25X1
Zhdanov Shipyard	---	----	Five smaller vessels with parabolic radar antennas on the masts.
Gutuyevskiy Harbor	---	----	Steam-powered tanker of about 5,000 tons. Homeport, Odessa.
North bank of Neva River from Lt. Schmidt Bridge southwest to end of promenade.	---	----	Four naval tugboats.
North bank of Neva River from Lt. Schmidt Bridge southwest to end of promenade	---	----	Two or three small slim vessels of the same type with depth charges but no launching rails on the after- deck.
North bank of Neva River from Lt. Schmidt Bridge south- west to end of pro- menade	--	----	Two slightly larger vessels with launching rails for depth charges on both sides of the afterdeck.
North bank of Neva River from Lt. Schmidt Bridge southwest to end of promenade		----	Two-masted schooner-rigged naval training vessel. 25X1

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
North bank of Neva River from Lt. Schmidt Bridge southwest to end of promenade.	----	Three-masted schooner- rigged naval training vessel.
North bank of --- Neva River from Lt. Schmidt Bridge southwest to end of promenade	ROMMY	Wooden trawler-shaped vessel for Arctic sailing. It was motor-powered, painted white, and reinforced against ice damage. It flew the red Soviet flag. This vessel was said to be manned by marines, although it apparently had no guns or radar equipment.
North bank of Neva River from Lt. Schmidt Bridge southwest to end of promenade.	----	Large auxiliary vessel with two stacks and a super- structure with two or three decks.
North bank of Neva River from Lt. Schmidt Bridge southwest to end of promenade.	----	Large vessel about three- fourths the length with one stack, probably two masts, and two gun barrels behind a shield on the fore- deck.
North bank of Neva River from Lt. Schmidt Bridge southwest to end of promenade.	----	Destroyer with a long fore- castle with two guns mounted one above the other, each in its own turret or enclosing shield. The vessel had a compact bridge structure and mast. Between the forward stack on the deck aft of the forecastle, and the after stack, there was a four-barreled torpedo tube. On the afterdeck, there were three guns mounted one above the other. The upper one was a twin gun of small caliber and the two lower ones were like the gun on the fore- deck. There were also several machine guns.
North bank of --- Neva River from Lt. Schmidt Bridge southwest to end of promenade.	----	Large new ship under construc- tion, possibly a cruiser, with a flush deck, raked bow, and cruiser stern. The hull viewed from in front was shaped as indicated in the following sketch.

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This shape was maintained as far back as the after turret. On the foredeck, there were two large gun turrets, one above the other, each turret showing two barrels of large caliber. The turrets did not appear to be completed. The bridge was probably large and had a fire-direction center. One slightly raked stack with a black diagonally cut top was located just aft of the bridge. The second stack had not yet been installed. On the afterdeck, there were two large turrets of the same type and gun-caliber as those on the foredeck. No other guns were seen and the vessel had no radar equipment. The vessel was painted gray and bore no name or number. A battle flag was hoisted aft. There were naval personnel on deck. 25X1

North bank of ---
Neva River from
Lt. Schmidt Bridge
southwest to end of
promenade,

Two submarines, apparently newly built, berthed beyond destroyer. One submarine was very large with a streamlined conning tower. 25X1

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There was a long barreled gun on the foredeck, and a smaller gun was on the afterdeck. The second submarine was two-thirds as long as the first and had no guns on deck. Neither submarine bore a number or flag or carried a crew.

North bank of ---
Neva River from
Lt. Schmidt Bridge
southwest to end of
promenade,

Between the larger of the new submarines and the quay, there were two submarines with crews. One of these vessels was about the size of the larger submarine mentioned above and had a stabilizer on the foredeck. It had a long-barreled gun forward and a smaller gun aft. The other submarine was smaller and had an apparatus like a snorkel tube on the afterside of the bridge.

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(See sketch.)



The larger submarine had small portholes around the forward side of the bridge, while the smaller vessel had a small superstructure on the forward side of the bridge in which portholes were mounted. The second submarine had a small gun on the afterdeck.

North bank of ---
Neva River from
Lt. Schmidt Bridge
southwest to end of
promenade

Two new submarines of the same class, probably not completed. They were of medium size

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Gutuyevskiy ---
Harbor

Tankers from Odessa.

Grain and ---
Timber Harbor

Three training barkentines, two of which were painted black and the third gray-white. They flew the red Soviet flag and probably belonged to the merchant marine.

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Zhdanov ---
Shipyard

Two large vessels with crews aboard in the small basin northwest of the shipyard. The vessels had a gun in a turret or behind a shield on the foredeck and radar equipment on the mast and flew a flag.

Zhdanov
Shipyard

Fourteen vessels seen in the Zhdanov Shipyard

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Kronshtadt
Naval Base

Three cruisers.

Kronshtadt
Naval Base.

Auxiliary vessel.

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Kronshtadt
Naval Base

Submarine.

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Naval Base

Four unidentified vessels.

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Remark</u>
Off Kronshtadt	_____	Cruiser. At anchor ⁴
West of Kronshtadt	_____	Submarine.
West of Kronshtadt	_____	Submarine. _____ _____ on a test run.
West of Kronshtadt	_____	Destroyer. Entering the harbor. ⁵
West of Kronshtadt	_____	Destroyer. On its way in.
West of Kronshtadt	_____	MTB
West of Kronshtadt	_____	Destroyer of LENINGRAD Class going out on a test run.
West of Kronshtadt	_____	Three vessels on the way in. ⁶
West of Kronshtadt	_____	On its way out on a north-westerly course.
West of Kronshtadt	_____	Four vessels, probably minesweepers, circling in a narrow zone. None had equipment out.
West of Kronshtadt	_____	Former German cruiser on its way in.
West of Kronshtadt	_____	Large vessel, probably a cruiser, on a north-westerly course.

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